

# **IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

**Steven M. Cook, M.D.**, a 46 year-old physician formerly practicing in Oelwein, Iowa, was the subject of a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order issued by the Board. Dr. Cook was charged with the inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety due to the excessive use of drugs or alcohol, inappropriately prescribing or dispensing controlled substances, abandoning patients, failure to maintain appropriate medical records and failure to transfer medical records in a timely manner. Dr. Cook's Iowa medical license was indefinitely suspended. Dr. Cook is required to complete all delinquent medical records and successfully complete a substance abuse evaluation and treatment prior to reinstatement of his license. Upon successful completion of the Board requirements for the indefinite suspension, Dr. Cook's license shall be placed on indefinite probation under certain terms and conditions.

**Donald R. Hall, D.O.**, a 45 year-old physician formerly practicing in Charles City, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement and Final Order with the Board. Dr. Hall was charged with the inability to practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety due to the excessive use of drugs or alcohol. Dr. Hall was required to undergo a substance abuse evaluation and treatment and his Iowa medical license was placed on probation for a period of five years under certain terms and conditions.